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SUBJECT: CEMA SECRETARY GENERAL FADEEV COMPARES CEMA WITH
COMMON MARKET, NOTES CEMA READINESS FOR
COOPERATION WITH OTHER SYSTEMS

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1. SUMMARY. RECENT PRAVDA ARTICLE BY CEMA SECREATRY

GENERAL FADEEV, COMPARES "CEMA NINE" WITH "EEC NINE",
 NOTES CONTINUED CEMA READINESS FOR COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES
 HAVING DIFFERENT SOCIAL-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS. ALTHOUGH COM-
 PARISON MISLEADING ON NUMBER OF POINTS, FADEEV APPROACH
 INTERESTING AS FURTHER SOVIET APPROACH TO BOOST CEMA IMAGE,
 CONTINUE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH LINKS WITH COMMON MARKET.
 END SUMMARY.

2. IN LATEST OF SEVERAL FULL-PAGE ARTICLES IN SOVIET PRESS
 DESCRIBING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR MUTAL ECONOMIC
 ASSISTANCE (CEMA) ON OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH
 ANNIVERSARY, PRAVDA FEB 20 PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY CEMA
 SECRETARY GENERAL NIKOLAI FADEEV. FADEEV ARTICLE IS LESS
 PROPAGANDISTIC THAN OTHERS, INCLUDES COMPARISON OF CEMA
 WITH EEC AND PLACES CEMA IN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE AS
 IMPORTANT REGIONAL ECONOMIC BLOC ON A PAR WITH THE EEC,
 OECD, VARIOUS UN ORGANIZATIONS.

3. COMPARING OUTPUT OF "CEMA NINE" (USSR, POLAND, GDR,
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, MONGOLIAN
 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, CUBA) WITH "EEC NINE," FADEEV SUBMITS
 FOLLOWING TABLE COMPARING PRODUCTION SELECTED ITEMS IN 1973;

	CEMA	EEC
ELECTRIC ENERGY (BIL. KW)	1223	1033
COAL (NON-COKING - MIL TONS)	1258	286
OIL (MIL. TONS)	440	10.4
NATURAL GAS (BIL. CU. METERS)	260	145
STEEL (MIL TONS)	178	150
CEMENT (MIL. TONS)	162	150
CHEMICAL FERTILIZER (MIL. TONS)	27	16.5

ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT CEMA NINE CONTROL TERRITORY OF 28
 MILLION SQUARE KILOMETERS, HAVE POPULATION OF 366 MILLION,
 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE-THIRD OF WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT
 COMPARED WITH 18 PERCENT IN 1950.

4. FADEEV NOTES THAT IN FULL CONFORMANCE WITH POLICY OF
 PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, CEMA COUNTRIES AND CEMA ORGANIZATION
 ALWAYS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NOT
 MEMBERS OF CEMA AND HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.
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THUS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES PREPARED ESTABLISH LARGE-SCALE,
 LONG-TERM ECONOMIC TIES WITH STATES OF WESTERN EUROPE.
 DURING 1973 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CEMA AND FINLAND WAS FIRST
 EXAMPLE OF SUCH COOPERATION AGREEMENT. MEXICO, IRAQ, SOUTH
 YEMEN AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF "THIRD WORLD" ALSO INTERESTED
 IN COOPERATION. CEMA HAS NUMEROUS LINKS WITH UN AND ITS
 SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

5. COMMENT: IN MAKING COMPARISON FADEEV FAILS TO NOTE THAT CEMA NINE INCLUDE ONE SUPER-POWER AND EIGHT SMALL COUNTRIES. ALSO, COMPARATIVE TABLE IS IMPRESSIVE IN ENERGY CATEGORIES BUT OMITTS SUCH IMPORTANT AREAS AS MACHINERY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, OTHER KEY INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. NOR IS ANY MENTION MADE OF LABOR PRODUCTIVITY. ARTICLE IS INTERESTING, HOWEVER, AS ONE MORE INDICATIN OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CEMA IMAGE AS WORLD ORGANIZATION FULLY COMPARABLE TO THE COMMON MARKET WITH WHICH IT IS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH EXTENSIVE COOPERAION. ALSO, INCLUSION OF IRAQ AS COUNTRY FOR POSSIBLE SPECIAL CEMA RELATIONSHIP--DESPITE REPORTS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT IRAQ HAD REJECTED SUCH POSSIBILITY--MAY INDICATE NEW CEMA OR SOVIET APPROACH TO BAGHDAD.

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